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GENERAL ORDERS, } WAR DEPARTMENT,  
No. 296. } ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
Washington, December 2, 1864.

*Transportation of Stores and Books for Freedmen.*

The provisions of General Orders, Nos. 70 and 244, from this Office, are hereby extended so as to embrace all military Divisions and Departments; and accordingly all stores and school-books turned over to the officers of the Quartermaster's Department, by the *United States Commission*, for the *relief of the national freedmen*, with the approval of the immediate next military commander, who will satisfy himself that the said stores and school-books are such as are necessary for the subsistence and comfort or instruction of the freedmen, will be received and transported as public stores consigned to the Quartermaster at the post for which they are destined, by whom they will, after examination and approval by the post commander or Provost Marshal, be turned over to the duly authorized agents of said Commission for distribution to the freedmen.

Duly accredited agents and teachers of the Commission, under orders from the Commission, will, upon papers approved by the Commanding officer, be permitted to take passage upon Government steamers and railroad trains, but cannot be transported at the expense of the United States.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. D. TOWNSEND,

*Assistant Adjutant General.*

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